MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : In regard to the Kaliyal-Pachippara trace, there is no proposal to improve the trace, but it is being maintained as well as possible with the maintenance grant of Rs. 15 per mile.

As regards the improvement of the Azhanchola pakuti Kani roads, there is a proposal for converting into a cart road the cart track now in existence for tapping the Maruthampara timber coupe at Kaliyal. The lands required for widening this track have been acquired and orders have been issued to hand over the same to the Forest Department.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): അഴഞ്ചോല പകുതി കാണി റോഡിനെ ഫോറസ്റ്റ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലേക്കു ഏൽപ്പിക്കുന്നതായി മറുപടിയിൽ കാണുന്നുണ്ട്. അതു ഫോറസ്റ്റായിട്ടു ഇടുന്നതിനോ, അതല്ല റോഡായിട്ടു ഇടുന്നതിനോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): അതു cart road ആക്കി ഇടാനാണ് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളത്. അല്ലാതെ കാടായിട്ടു ഇടുന്നതിനല്ല.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഈ റോഡു കാട്ടിൽ പോകുന്നവർക്കു മാത്രമേ ഉപയോഗിക്കാവോ, അതല്ല നാട്ടിൻപുറത്തുള്ളവർക്കും കൂടി ഉപയോഗിക്കാമോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : പൊതു ജനങ്ങൾ ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നതിൽ തടസ്ഥമില്ല.

Area under paddy in the Trivandrum taluk at the time of the Settlement.

369. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the extent of land under paddy cultivation in the Trivandrum taluk according to the last Settlement records ; and

(*b*) the extent of land out of the area referred to in part (*a*) which has been filled up or converted into garden lands since ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 10991 acres and 52 cents.

(*b*) It is reported that about 500 acres of the above area has since been converted into garden land.

Conversion of paddy lands into garden lands.

370. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : (1) With reference to the answer given to question No. 252 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 29th Karkatakam 1104 *re* conversion of paddy lands into garden lands (page 780 of Vol. XV of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state whether they have arrived at any decision as to what is to be done in the matter of the unrestricted conversion of paddy lands into garden lands ?

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(2) Are they aware that the chief cause of such conversion is the absence of irrigation facilities owing to the filling up of irrigation tanks as a result of their assignment?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The matter is under investigation.

(2) The information is noted.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to part (1) will the member kindly say whether the Government have any objection to asking the newly formed Irrigation Boards to submit their views on this question regarding the unrestricted conversion of paddy lands into garden lands?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That will be considered.

Tuberculosis in Travancore.

371. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(*a*) of the extent to which tuberculosis prevails in the State; and

(*b*) of the number of Travancore patients resorting to the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Madanapalli?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether they have any scheme for establishing a Tuberculosis Sanatorium within the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) The Administrative Board, Medical Services, states that tuberculosis prevails in the State to a great extent.

(*b*) From a communication received from the Superintendent of the Sanatorium, it is seen that, since the opening of that institution in 1915, not less than 260 patients from Travancore have received treatment in it.

(2) Yes. The question is under consideration.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the Government satisfied with the urgency of opening an institution?

MR. T. P RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer shows that Government realise the need for it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do the Government realise the urgency of opening an institution immediately?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that. Government realise the need for it and action is being taken.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether any active steps are being taken in that direction by the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The scheme is being examined.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know in what stage the scheme is now?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The merits of the scheme are being examined.

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